

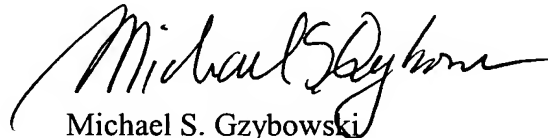
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The Preliminary Amendment corrects an inadvertent typographical error on pages 3, 4 and 6 of the English language translation of the PCT application.

In addition, the claims have been amended to avoid the use of multiple dependent claims.

Entry of the present Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael S. Gzybowski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being the most prominent part.

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